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SUBJECT: FIRST MINISTERS RESIGN AS PANCHAYAT TERMS EXPIRE

1. KING HAS ACCEPTED RESIGNATIONS OF MINISTERS FOR WORKS, TRANSPORT AND HEALTH (PRAYAG RAJ SINGH SUWAL) AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER, POWER AND FORESTS (PRAKASH CHANDRA MUKHIYA) EFFECTIVE MARCH 18.

2. BOTH SUWAL AND MUKHIYA ARE AMONG THOSE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL PANCHAYAT WHOSE TERMS EXPIRE ON APRIL 13 AND, ACCORDING TO CONSTITUTION, MUST RESIGN IF NOT RENOMINATED BY KING. ON APRIL 13 TERMS OF ALL PANCHAYAT MEMBERS REPRESENTING CLASS ORGANIZATIONS OF YOUTH, WOMEN, EX-SERVICEMEN AND GRADUATES, AS WELL AS 16 MEMBERS NOMINATED BY KING WILL EXPIRE. OTHER MINISTERS WHO COULD BE FORCED TO RESIGN INCLUDE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS KARKI, EDUCATION MINISTER ARYAL, MINISTER FOR PANCHAYAT AFFAIRS DAMODAR S.J.B. RANA AND MINISTERS OF STATE FOR FINANCE THAPA AND COMMERCE SINGH. IT IS ASSUMED THAT SOME OF THESE WILL BE RENOMINATED BY KING AND WILL, THEREFORE, REMAIN IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. AMONG THOSE RUMORED TO BE ON WAY OUT ARE FOREIGN MINISTER KARKI.

3. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH PANCHAYAT MEMBERS EMBOFFS  
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WERE TOLD THAT NO ONE KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER EXPIRATION

OF TERMS APRIL 13. MANY FEEL IT MAKES NO SENSE TO FILL  
CLASS ORGANIZATION SEATS, FOR EXAMPLE, WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT  
RECOMMENDATIONS WILL ARISE FROM REFORM COMMISSION. IT IS  
QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THESE SEATS WILL BE ABOLISHED AND EVEN IF  
NOT ABOLISHED WILL REMAIN VACANT FOR NEXT SIX MONTHS UNTIL  
REFORMS ARE ANNOUNCED. THIS WILL OBIATE NEED FOR EARLY  
ELECTIONS WHICH IN CASE OF GRADUATE CONSISTENCY, HAVE FREQUENTLY  
BEEN USED AS OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK PANCHAYAT SYSTEM.  
IN ANY EVENT WE CAN EXPECT MORE CABINET CHANGES TO TAKE  
PLACE IN COMING WEEKS.  
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